RELATING TO THE TIME FOR PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTER OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5 (legislative day, JANUARY 29), 1951.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. Pastore, from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 353]

The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to whom was referred the bill (S. 353) to amend section 2 of the act entitled "An act to provide for the compiling and publishing of the Official Register of the United States," approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 957; 5 U. S. C. 654), to provide a mandatory date for publication of the Official Register of the United States, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

STATEMENT

The Government Printing Office estimates that the Official Register for 1950, which is compiled and edited from data furnished by the agencies and commissions as of May 1 of each year, will not be printed before March 15 of this year.

This means that the information contained in the Official Register is almost 11 months old before Members of Congress have access to its usefulness.

The committee is of the opinion that if the Official Register is to be published it should be completed by December 31 of each year. Such a mandatory date would still give the Civil Service Commission 8 months for compilation, editing, and printing.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with the amendment to rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate set forth in Senate Resolution 95, Eighty-first Congress, first session, changes in existing law made by the bill (S. 353) as reported are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italics; existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

AN ACT To provide for the compiling and publishing of the Official Register of the United States [Public Law 387, 74th Cong., approved August 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 957; 5 U. S. C. 654]

Sec. 2. To enable the United States Civil Service Commission to compile and publish the Official Register of the United States [as early as practicable after the first of June] on or before December 31 of each year, the Executive Office, the legislative and judicial branches of the Government, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and the head of each executive department, independent office, establishment, and commission of the Government shall, as of the 1st day of May of each year, beginning with May 1, 1936, supply to the United States Civil Service Commission the data required by this Act, upon forms approved and furnished by the Commission, in due time to permit the publication of the Official Register as herein provided; and no extra compensation shall be allowed to any officer, clerk, or employee of the United States Civil Service Commission for compiling the Official Register.

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